

**VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of MAY 13, 2024**

Location: Village Hall

Council Present: Jim Gillett (President), Steve Hall (Pro Tem President), Eric Ward & Jane Ann Rose

Council Absent: Mark Givens, Kayla Schlappi & Carolina Mallory

Officials/Staff Present: Randy Bricker (Fire Chief), Art Massey (DPW Supervisor) & Rebecca O'Neil (Clerk)

Officials/Staff Absent: Brenda Blakemore (Treasurer)

Truth in Taxation:

Mr. Gillett called the Truth in Taxation hearing to order at 7:00pm. No public comment and hearing ended at 7:04pm. Regular Council meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Steve Hall to approve the minutes of April 8, 2024 meeting as amended.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

Motion was made by Jane Ann, seconded by Eric Ward to approve the special meeting minutes of April 30, 2024 meeting as submitted.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

New Business:

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Steve Hall to set the maximum allowable tax rate to 9.0072 for 2024 (Truth in Taxation).

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

Mr. Gillett stated that a deposit was made to Pitch Black Seal Coat and that the owner had gone to jail and noted that the Village may be out the deposit funds.

Mr. Gillett stated that the Community Picnic will take place on Thursday, June 20th from 5:00-8:00pm in Memorial Park and that Jelly Rolls Blues Band will be performing.

Mr. Gillett stated that someone from OHM Advisors would be attending the Pellston school board meeting regarding a possible test well site on their property off Robinson Rd. Mr. Gillett noted approximately five to eight acres will be needed for a municipal water system well site.

A resolution was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Steve Hall to extend the DNR/Trailhead project period from 12/30/22 through 12/30/24 to allow more time to revise the plans.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

Mr. Gillett stated that the juvenile who had committed the vandalism at the Veterans Memorial had pleaded guilty and that the Village would be seeking community service work if permitted in lieu of monetary restitution.

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to accept the \$34,410 bid from Reith-Riley Construction for 100ft of overaly and 2,100ft of wedging on Zipf St (Tremble Trail north to Industrial Drive).

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

Public Comments: None

Bills for Approval:

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Steve Hall to approve the bills of \$70,807.28.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Fire: Mr. Bricker reviewed several grant statuses and noted that there was a recent house fire on Edgar St due to a furnace issue.

OEO: Mr. Bricker noted that he is still waiting for a "meatier" letter from the Village attorney that can be sent to those with ordinance violations.

Zoning: Mr. Bricker stated that he has issued multiple fencing permits and that there is an issue with the multiple family dwellings in the Timber Pines subdivision.

Planning Commission: Discussion took place regarding the dangers of the Robinson Rd and US 31 intersection and the Clerk agreed to contact Senator John Damoose's office regarding the matter.

Museum/Historical Society: Mr. Bricker stated that Mary Ocko will be running/opening the museum on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00am-4:00pm starting May 29th.

Maintenance: Mr. Massey stated that the crack sealing had been completed by Extreme Asphalt. Mr. Massey stated that pavilion painting project was completed along with electrical updates at Pioneer Park. The Council thanked Mr. Massey and Mr. Parkey for all of their efforts and noted that the Village is looking great!

Recreation: Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to approve a storage shed near the new batting cages for Emmet County Little League at Pioneer Park.

DDA: Mr. Gillett stated that the DDA approved the Community Picnic to be held on June 20th.

Beautification: Mr. Gillett stated the hanging baskets will be coming from Cherry Hill Nursery. Discussion took place regarding matching flowers in the planter pots and that planting will take place after Memorial weekend.

Website: Website needs lots of updates including Community Picnic on June 20th and craft show on August 4th.

Correspondence: Mr. Gillett stated that the audit is underway by Schulze Oswald Miller & Edwards PC and that they will present the financial statements sometime this summer.

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Steve Hall seconded by Jane Ann Rose to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk